

# Mid-Week Manna

A Weekly Newsletter from the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Wednesday,  
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## From Your Minister - Christian Smith



Fall break is always special. I love the opportunity to take some time away and refresh and recharge. The week after fall break is almost as exciting. That renewed energy makes serving God even easier. It brings about a renewed sense of joy. It is the joy that I need as I look at the calendar and recognize that the next few months brings with it a flurry of activity and special events. Trunk or Treat, Reformation Sunday, All Saints Sunday, Thanksgiving, Hanging of the Green, Christmas, are all happening in the next few weeks. There will be a lot of work to be done. That is one way to look at it. Instead, I hope that we will choose to focus on the fact that we worship a God who gives us so much to celebrate. Yes, the coming weeks will be busy, but that is because we worship a God who is always busy bringing us reason to rejoice. Blessings, Christian

## Soup Lunch/Treasure Sale

Please join the PEO (teachers' professional sorority) for a Soup Lunch on Friday, October 22, from 11am to 2pm. A variety of soups, cornbread muffins and dessert will be available to you at a cost of \$7.00 per meal. There will also be lots of baked goods and treasure items for sale to accompany the meal. All proceeds go to the PEO's women's scholarship fund. Join us for a time of fellowship, good food and treasures on this Friday!



## Pastor Appreciation This Sunday

You will find a list of 31 things we can pray for (one for each day) as we think of our pastors and their work in the church. Be sure to pick up a list in the narthex and say a special prayer each day in October .



There will be a time set aside after the 8:45am worship service and before Sunday School **THIS SUNDAY** for you to greet and express appreciation to your pastors. You may wish to bring a card or a show of appreciation during that time.

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We thank Jim Gray, Sandra Robbins and Judy Sullivan for their leadership in our music. We also want to thank the Sanctuary Choir for leading us in special music. Finally, we thank Jodi Smith and Ashley Wharton for their help with the church PowerPoint.

### Worship Information

Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, will be the Twenty-third Sunday of Pentecost. The chancel color is green. The scripture for the sermon is Mark 10:46-52. We hope that you will plan to join us at 8:45am or 11:00am as we celebrate the love of God for each of us.

### YARN NEEDED

The Twisted Stitches are making dishcloths for this year’s Thanksgiving turkey boxes. They are looking for donations of cotton yarn for the dishcloths. If you have some yarn or are willing to purchase some yarn, please stop and drop it by the church office.



### Winona / Priority House Meals

The church will be providing meals for Winona and Priority House residents on Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Following is a list of items needed for the meal. Please phone/text Tracy Sparks at 261-1029 if you are able to donate food items. Please have all donated items to the church by 4pm on Tuesday and let Tracy know if you are able to help prepare/deliver meals. Items needed include:

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| BBQ 30  | Mac and Cheese 30 | Dessert 30 | Oranges 35      |
| BBQ 35  | Mac and Cheese 35 | Dessert 35 | Granola Bars 35 |
| Buns 30 | Cole Slaw 30      | Apples 35  |                 |
| Buns 35 | Cole Slaw 35      | Bananas 35 |                 |

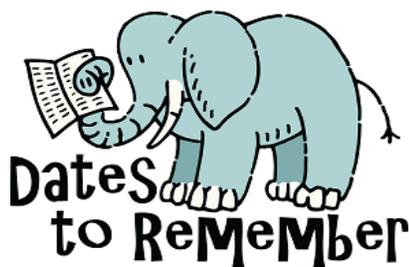


### Connection Resumes!

Connection activities resume tonight with dinner at 5:15 (reservation required) and classes at 6:00/6:15pm. Children/Youth classes meet at 6:00pm as do the Twisted Stitches. Adult classes meet at 6:15 with Christian presenting a study on “The Fruit of the Spirit” and Jean Webb presenting a women’s study on Discerning the Voice of God.

**NEXT WEEK (the 27<sup>th</sup>)**, Connection will feature our annual Trunk or Treat event in the FLC. Activities will start at 5pm and there will be hot dogs, chili and fixings for everyone. If you would like to help out by bringing food for the meal or assisting with the event, see Caleb or go to the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ea5aa28a4fdc25-trunk> to sign up. Everyone in the community is invited to attend the event and you are encouraged to bring your car (decorated for Halloween - we can help!) and give out candy/treats to the children of our community. Join us!





- October 24 - Pastor Appreciation Sunday
- October 27 - Trunk or Treat
- October 31 - Reformation Sunday
- November 5/6 - CPWM Christmas Extravaganza
- November 7 - All Saints Sunday
- Month of November - Thanksgiving boxes
- Samaritan's Purse Christmas boxes

### Coming Up in the CPWM

- Cooking on the Square is scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup>. More information will be forthcoming about activities associated with this event.
- The CPWM Christmas Extravaganza Sale will take place on Friday/Saturday, November 5/6, in the FLC. As you do your fall cleaning, lay aside those Christmas items that you no longer use/want. Items will be accepted beginning on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox program will begin the first part of November with submission of boxes on November 15<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. Begin gathering your items for the boxes now.



### Nursery Help Needed:

We are still looking for someone who can help in our church nursery on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. If you know of anyone who might be interested in the position, please contact Ron Thurman or Christian Smith. In the meantime, if you would be willing to volunteer your time to assist in this important role, please let Christian know.



### Ministry in our Church

The Missions Ministry invites you to take a card or cards from the Fellowship Hall and prepare them for special occasions - prayer concerns/sympathy/birthdays/praises - while they are fresh on your minds. Take your card with you or leave it for the Missions/Outreach committee to address, stamp, and mail for you. This is a wonderful way to express care, concern and support for others in our church.



Each week our services are broadcast online for those who are unable to join us in person. Our services are streamed live at 8:45am every Sunday. Those services remain online and can be watched at any time. There are two ways to view our service online:

Facebook- <http://www.facebook.com/cookevillecpc/>  
 YouTube- <https://www.youtube.com/c/CookevilleCPChurch>

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT for Sunday, October 17, 2021

Commitments - \$3,500.00      Undesignated - \$2,567.55      Other - \$0.00

There were \$50.00 in memorials.

Total Deposit - \$6,067.55





### All Saints Sunday Banner

On Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday as we remember those who have passed away over the last year. You are welcomed to add those names to our All-Saints Banner. The banner will be located on the narthex credenza for the next two Sundays.

### Christmas Extraganza



The CPWM ladies of the church are preparing for the 2021 Christmas Extravaganza, to take place on November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Any holiday item (in good condition) will be accepted on November 2, 3, 4 from 9am to 4pm in the Family Life Center. The sale will take place from 8-4 on Friday, the 5<sup>th</sup>, and from 8-2 on Saturday, the 6<sup>th</sup>. The CPWM would appreciate any help you could give in preparation for the sale and during the days of the sale.

### We Need Your Help!

Please consider taking the time to learn how to run the church video system. Our video streaming has allowed people to stay connected to the church, reconnect with the church, and find new connection with the church. Steve Boots and Bill Byers do a great job, but they could use a break on occasion. It is not difficult to run this system but would require some training. We would love to help you learn how to occasionally assist in our worship services. Please let Christian know if you are interested.



### Men's Bible Study

The Bible Study for men continues with Tim Fournet leading discussions. Meetings take place in the Family Life Center at noon on Tuesdays. Please plan to join us (bring your lunch).

College/Young Adult  
Sunday School

### College Students/Young Adults!



The Christian Education Ministry is happy to announce that there is now a Sunday School class for College Students and Young Adults. The class meets in the Upper Room classroom in the Upper Commons. Cindy Putz leads the class discussion using the Encounter Sunday School series. Please feel welcome to join us!



